

City Manager's Weekly Update



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Upcoming Meetings

June	17 st	Planning Commission Meeting (agenda)
June	24 th	Council Meeting (continued to July 8 th)
July	1 st	Planning Commission Meeting
July	4 th	Holiday - City Hall Offices Closed
July	8 th	Council Meeting

Executive Summary

Belmont PD K-9 Makes a Visit to Central Elementary

Last week, Belmont PD K-9 Handler Officer Dan Friedman and his partner Kilo gave a demonstration for the students and staff at Central Elementary School. Kilo showed them his obedience skills and how he can locate and apprehend suspects. As usual he was a big hit and received lots of hugs from the students. This week, Officer Friedman and Kilo began narcotics detection training. During this month long course Kilo will be taught to find narcotics such as cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin and ecstasy.



Belmont Fire HazMat and CERT Participate in 10th Annual Disaster Preparedness Day



Last Saturday, June 7th, the 10th Annual Disaster Preparedness Day was held during the first four hours, of opening day of the San Mateo County Fair. The event included demonstrations and displays from various first responder agencies and volunteer organizations, including the Belmont Fire Department.

Fourteen Belmont Fire Department CERT Volunteers participated in the event, which included a joint information booth with San Mateo & Foster City CERT. Belmont Fire Department HazMat 14 was on-display and tours of the unit and its capabilities were conducted by firefighters with assistance from CERT volunteers. Over 2,000 people visited the Disaster Preparedness Day event.



Resident Bitten by Rattlesnake in Garage

A Belmont resident was bitten by a rattlesnake in the garage of his Ralston Avenue home this week. This incident is a reminder that rattlesnakes are not confined to rural areas.



Belmont Fire and Police units responded to a home in the 2900 block of Ralston Avenue, on a report that a resident had been bitten by a rattlesnake. Upon arrival, emergency personnel contacted a 74 year-old man who had been bitten on the hand while reaching for a tool in his garage. The victim was treated at the scene by Belmont Fire Department Paramedics and transported to an area hospital.

Belmont Public Safety and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife would like to remind the public that San Mateo County is home to wildlife, including rattlesnakes. This is especially important to people living near or visiting open space & watershed areas. Be aware that startled rattlesnakes may not rattle before striking defensively. There are several safety measures that can be taken to reduce the likelihood of startling a rattlesnake.

Rattlesnake Safety Measures

- Never go barefoot or wear sandals when walking through wild areas. Wear hiking boots.
- When hiking, stick to well-used trails and wear over-the-ankle boots and loose-fitting long pants. Avoid tall grass, weeds and heavy underbrush where snakes may hide during the day.
- Do not step or put your hands where you cannot see, and avoid wandering around in the dark. Step ON logs and rocks, never over them, and be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood. Check out stumps or logs before sitting down, and shake out sleeping bags before use.
- Never grab "sticks" or "branches" while swimming in lakes and rivers. Rattlesnakes can swim.
- Be careful when stepping over the doorstep as well. Snakes like to crawl along the edge of buildings where they are protected on one side.
- Never hike alone. Always have someone with you who can assist in an emergency.
- Do not handle a freshly killed snake, it can still inject venom.
- Teach children early to respect snakes and to leave them alone. Children are naturally curious and will pick up snakes.

Though uncommon, rattlesnake bites do occur, so have a plan in place for responding to any situation. Carry a portable phone, hike with a companion who can assist in an emergency, and make sure that family or friends know where you are going and when you will be checking in.

The first thing to do if bitten is to stay calm. Generally, the most serious effect of a rattlesnake bite to an adult is local tissue damage which needs to be treated. Children, because they are smaller, are in more danger if they are bitten. Call 9-1-1 or get to a doctor as soon as possible, but stay calm. If the doctor is more than 30 minutes away, keep the bite below the heart, and then try to get to the doctor as quickly as possible.

Proposed Sewer Rate Adjustment – Hearing on July 8th (note date change)

Keeping cost down is one of the City's main concerns. The City of Belmont is responsible for the operation, maintenance and improvements of the City's sewer collection system. The City is committed to providing reliable sewer service at the lowest possible cost while meeting legal requirements, growing State and Federal Clean Water standards, and protecting the environment. Rising costs of meeting regulatory requirements, storm and sewer treatment, repair and replacement of an aging system are necessitating adjustments to the sewer rates. Sewer fund expenditures and revenues must balance while maintaining a high level of service.

Proposed Sewer Rates (Annually)			
	Present Rates	Proposed Rates Tax Year 2014/2015	Proposed Rates Tax Year 2015/2016
COLLECTION CHARGE			
<u>Residential</u>			
Base Charge	\$324.68	\$242.29	\$259.12
Flow Charge (S/HCF)	\$4.35	\$3.19	\$3.45
<u>Commercial</u>			
Base Charge	\$324.68	\$242.29	\$259.12
Flow Charge Low Strength (S/HCF)	\$4.35	\$3.19	\$3.45
Flow Charge High Strength (S/HCF)	\$8.46	\$6.21	\$6.71
*TREATMENT CHARGE (Pass-Through Charges)			
<u>Residential</u>			
Base Charge		\$108.36	\$118.06
Flow Charge (S/HCF)		\$1.55	\$1.71
<u>Commercial</u>			
Base Charge		\$108.36	\$118.06
Flow Charge Low Strength (S/HCF)		\$1.55	\$1.71
Flow Charge High Strength (S/HCF)		\$3.02	\$3.32
COMBINED RATES (Typical Total Annual Rates)			
<u>Residential</u>			
Base Charge	\$324.68	\$350.65	\$377.18
Flow Charge (S/HCF)	\$4.35	\$4.75	\$5.16
<u>Commercial</u>			
Base Charge	\$324.68	\$350.65	\$377.18
Flow Charge Low Strength (S/HCF)	\$4.35	\$4.75	\$5.16
Flow Charge High Strength (S/HCF)	\$8.46	\$9.23	\$10.03

Note: 1 HCF (hundred cubic feet) = 748 gallons of water

*Treatment charges are separated as they are a pass-through charge from the Treatment Facility.

Please note that due to scheduling difficulties the Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, 2014, has been continued to Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at One Twin Pines Lane. The proposed rate adjustments will be presented to the City Council for adoption at this meeting.

Visit the [Sewer Rates and Updates](#) page for more information.



Department Weekly Highlights

We are now on **tumblr.**



Sewer Division

- Inspected and cleaned 11 sewer pump stations
- The service truck (205) responded to 9 service calls
- Videoed 4,962 feet of sewer main
- Daily cleaning of the Ralston Ranch "rag catcher"
- Completed 6 USA markouts
- Inspected 3 new sewer connections
- Installed 1 new backflow device at Hiller Pump Station
- Began landscaping project at Hiller Pump Station
- Assisted paving crew

Storm Division

- Swept 82 curb miles and collected 8.81 tons of debris during regular sweeping.
- Inspected and cleaned 2 storm pump stations
- Twice weekly inspection of Water Dog Lake Trail including the V-ditch, the spillway, the dock, and emptied 8 trash cans
- Monthly piezometer readings at Water Dog Lake Dam
- Jetted (cleaned) 375 feet of storm line
- Videoed 675 feet of storm line
- Conducted on-land cleanup between El Camino Real and Old County Road

Training

- Staff training on the Closed Circuit Television Video (CCTV) van

Traffic Operations

- Weekly visual for preventative maintenance of intersections
- Visual inspection of lighted crosswalk
- Replaced 14 signs
- Ralston banners –1 down, 2 up
- Trimmed trees/bushes around signs at 3 location for site distance
- Filled potholes at 3 locations
- Assisted Sewer Department with backflow prevention device
- Assisted Street crew with paving at 2 locations on Somerset Drive (11 tons of asphalt)
- Asphalt Zipper demonstration on Somerset Drive
- Repaired fence on Ralston west of Hallmark; set 12 posts and installed 24 rails
- Continue San Juan back-up float system install – Now fully operational

Streets Division

- Marked out 21 locations for Underground Service Alerts
- Asphalt Zipper demonstration on Somerset Drive
- Paved at 2 locations on Somerset Drive (11 tons of asphalt)
- Filled 4 potholes
- Repaired fence on Ralston west of Hallmark, set 12 posts and installed 24 rails

**Mandatory Commercial Recycling**

As of July 1, 2012, California requires all businesses that generate four (4) or more cubic yards of garbage per week and multi-family dwellings with five (5) or more units to recycle.* The specific statutory language for the law (Assembly Bill 341) can be found in the State's Public Resources Code: PRC Division 30, Part 3, Chapter 12.8, Section 42649. Visit [ReThink Waste](#) for more information.

[Mandatory Commercial Recycling Brochure](#)

[Mandatory Commercial Recycling FAQs - CalRecycle Website](#)

Belmont Participates in County-Wide Outreach at the San Mateo County Fair**Cigarette Butts are Litter Too!**

No If's, And's
or Butts!

Did you know?

Cigarette filters never fully biodegrade.

Cigarette butts contain hazardous chemicals and toxins.

Cigarette butts are the single most littered item in America.

Always dispose of cigarette butts responsibly.

**Don't Leave
YOUR
Butts
Behind!**

A cigarette butt lies on the ground, surrounded by other pieces of litter like a crumpled piece of paper and a small plastic cup.

For more information visit, www.Belmont.gov/water-pollution-prevention

Message brought to you by the City of Belmont



As part of the effort to reduce pollution prevention, Belmont along with other cities partnered with the San Mateo County-Wide Pollution Prevention Program to conduct outreach at this years' fair. Belmont outreach coordinator assisted in staffing the booth on Saturday June 7th and Tuesday June 10th. Cities will receive credit for the Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) for Public Participation.

Be sure to stop by the Pollution Prevention booth in the Sustainable Living Hall to learn how you can reduce litter, properly dispose of household toxics, receive information on less-toxic pest management and more!

San Mateo Mosquito and Vector Control District Update

Tick testing has been completed for the 2013-2014 tick season. Ixodes pacificus (western black-legged ticks) were tested for the presence of two bacteria, Borrelia burgdorferi, which can cause Lyme disease, and Borrelia miyamotoi, which can cause tick-borne relapsing fever. Ticks were collected from ten parks within San Mateo County. The percent of infected ticks was variable among the parks, and ranged from 0 to 2 percent for each Borrelia species.

The results are summarized in the District's Monthly Report at the below link:

[Mosquito District Monthly Report](#)

Come Find Us At The Fair!

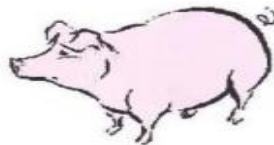
June 7-15!



The San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program will be at the 2014 San Mateo County Fair in the Sustainable Living Hall.

Come by to find information about:

- Used Oil Recycling Options
- Proper Household Toxics Disposal
- Car Washing Best Practices and Coupons
- Children's Activity Guides
- Less Toxic Pest Control Options
- How to Make Safe Household Cleansers



Stop by the "Be the Street" photo booth to protest litter, and get your picture taken for free!

Hosted by the Sustainable Living Department of the San Mateo County Fair



Where Tradition Meets Innovation



Clean Water. Healthy Community.

www.flowstobay.org



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Public Works Implements FAST Inventory Management Vending Machines

Over the last few weeks the Public Works Department rolled out the Fastenal Automated Supply Technology (FAST) vending machine and locker system. These machines require an employee to swipe a card, enter a personal identification number, and then make a selection.



The machines are connected via a hosted network to Fastenal, which then provides real-time inventory and usage information online – a completely paperless, hands-free process. These machines contain an inventory of personal protective equipment, general supplies and tools used by Public Works staff.



This system offers an inventory control solution that reduces consumption by controlling and tracking items used. Supplies and tools needed by employees can be self-served by employees 24/7, and every transaction is automatically controlled and reported. Product is automatically reordered when supplies run low and reduces inventory costs since Fastenal owns the inventory in the machine until it's dispensed. The local Fastenal store manages the machine's inventory and comes on site to replenish stock.

Float System Installed at North Road Pump Station

The Public Works Sewer Maintenance staff recently designed and installed a back-up float system at the North Road pump station to provide automatic operation in the event of failure of the primary level control system. Since this station is located near a storm drain, a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) at this station will discharge raw sewage into a waterway. During a routine evaluation of potential failure modes, it was determined that an automatic secondary level control system was a cost effective means of reducing potential failure of this station leading to an SSO. This upgrade will help ensure that we do not experience an SSO due to failure of the automatic level control system. City staff continues to evaluate the efficiency and reliability of our equipment and operations seeking to improve the level of service we provide to the citizens of Belmont.



New floats installed in wet well



New Relay Alarms



New Switches

Pavement Maintenance Management - Asphalt Zipper Demonstration



The Public Works Department is constantly evaluating cutting edge technology, and best management practices to provide the best state of the art, cost effective means and methods of maintaining the City's infrastructure. On Wednesday, June 11th the Public Works crews participated in a pilot demonstration project of the Asphalt Zipper. This machine grinds down the existing road surface and recycles and reuses the materials to repair failed roadway,



street patches, full road repairs, base stabilizations, and opening utility trenches in asphalt. Two test areas were chosen from the existing Pavement Condition Index (PCI) list both were ranked between 60 & 80. The machine put on a mighty display making short work of the two chosen areas, grinding one area to the depth of 2 inches and the other to an impressive 6 inches.

Crews then completed the two demonstration areas with a permanent asphalt repair. In the instance of the 6 inch test area, approximately 3 inches of the ground existing material was removed and the remaining 3 inches was rolled and compacted in place creating a firm base for the asphaltic concrete which was placed on top. The department is evaluating the feasibility of this equipment as part of its pavement management program to provide for a cost effective pavement maintenance tool which will provide for better results by:




- Turning existing asphalt into re-usable material
- Reducing or eliminating new base material, trucking and fuel costs
- Better utilizing crews
- Reducing the expense and reliance on outside contractors and equipment.



Twin Pines Community Center Calendar of Events

Twin Pines Senior & Community Center Calendar ~ June 2014 ~				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Book Group 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Chair Dancing	3 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi 10:00 English Conversation 11:30 Lunch Program 12:00 Drop-In Canasta 12:15 Classic Movie 12:30 Crafts Group	4 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Video Aerobics 9:30 Bread Program 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Drop-In Pinochle/Hearts 7:00 DANCE NIGHT	5 9:00 Garden Club 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 9:30 Drop-In Canasta 11:30 Lunch with Jonathan 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Drop-In Bridge 1:00 Drop-In Art Group	6 9:30 Chair Yoga with Adriana 1:00 BINGO 2:00 Mandarin Conversation
9 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Ukulele Sing Along 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Arthritis Exercise 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Chair Dancing	10 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi 10:00 English Conversation 11:30 Father's Day Lunch 12:00 Drop-In Pedro 12:00 Drop-In Canasta 12:15 Foreign Film 12:30 Crafts Group	11 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Video Aerobics 9:30 Bread Program 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Drop-In Pinochle/Hearts	12 9:30 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Drop-In Canasta 11:00 Arthritis Exercise 11:30 Birthday Lunch 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Drop-In Bridge 1:00 Drop-In Art Group	13 9:30 Chair Yoga with Adriana 1:30 Mah Jong 1:30 Ping Pong! 2:00 Mandarin Conversation
16 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Arthritis Exercise 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Chair Dancing	17 9:00 Blood Pressure 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi 10:00 Senior Club Meeting 10:00 English Conversation 11:30 Lunch Program 12:00 Drop-In Canasta 12:15 Classic Movie 12:30 Crafts Group	18 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Video Aerobics 9:30 Bread Program 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Drop-In Pinochle/Hearts	19 9:30 Go 4 Life Fitness 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Drop-In Canasta 11:00 Arthritis Exercise 11:30 Bingo Lunch with Central Elementary School 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Drop-In Bridge 1:00 Drop-In Art Group 2:00 History Group	20 9:30 Chair Yoga with Adriana 1:00 BINGO 2:00 Mandarin Conversation
23 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Stamp Collectors Opinion Exchange w/ Jim Dunbar 10:00 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Arthritis Exercise 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Chair Dancing	24 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi 10:00 English Conversation 11:30 Lunch Program 12:00 Drop-In Canasta 12:15 Foreign Film 12:30 Crafts Group	25 9:30 Video Aerobics 9:30 Bread Program 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Drop-In Pinochle/Hearts	26 9:30 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Drop-In Canasta 11:00 Arthritis Exercise 11:30 Lunch Program 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Drop-In Bridge 1:00 Drop-In Art Group 2:00 History Group	27 9:30 Chair Yoga with Adriana 1:00 PS Performers Variety Show! 1:00 Raspberry Pi 1:30 Mah Jong 1:30 Ping Pong! 2:00 Futurists 2:00 Mandarin Conversation
30 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Arthritis Exercise 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Chair Dancing	 <p>Center Open Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4pm</p> <p><i>*Some activities are drop-in, some require registration.</i></p> <p><i>*Activities are subject to change. Please call 595-7444 to confirm.</i></p>			

Belmont Public Library Calendar of Events

JUNE 2014 At the Belmont Library  http://www.facebook.com/smlbelmont						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 * 2:00p Imagination Playground	2 * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 3:30p Lego Club	3 * 7:00a Library Opens * 7:00a Library Polling Place * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club * 7:00p Lawyers in the Library	4 * 10:30a YouTube * 3:30p Teen Gaming: Wii * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p 1st Wed Book Grp: The Middlesteins by Jami Attenberg	5 * 10:30a Toddler Storytime * 3:30p Imagination Playground	6 * 10:30a Preschool Storytime * 11:15a Russian Storytime * 4:00p Science Club * 7:00p 1st Fri Flicks: The Lion King (G; 89 min)	7 * 2:00p Mad Science: Fire and Ice
8 * 2:00p Imagination Playground	9 * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 3:30p Lego Club	10 * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club	11 * 10:30a Computer Coach * 3:30p Teen Gaming: Minute to Win It * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime	12 * 10:30a Toddler Storytime * 2:00p Mystery Book Group: White Fire by Preston and Child * 3:30p Imagination Playground	13 * 10:30a Preschool Storytime * 11:15a Russian Storytime * 4:00p Science Club	14 * 10:30a Ukulele Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground
15 * 2:00p Imagination Playground	16 * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 12:00p Senior Health Talk: Urinary Tract—Issues for Men and Women * 3:30p Lego Club	17 * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club * 7:00p Paws for Tales	18 * 10:30a Google Drive * 3:30p Teen Gaming: Trivia * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime	19 * 10:30a Toddler Storytime * 3:30p Imagination Playground	20 * 10:30a Preschool Storytime * 11:15a Russian Storytime * 4:00p Science Club	21 * 3:30p Dad and Me @ the Library Puppet Show
22 * 2:00p Imagination Playground	23 * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 3:30p Lego Club	24 * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club	25 * 10:30a Computer Coach * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime	26 * 10:30a Toddler Storytime * 3:30p Words for Worms * Teen Bk Club: Openly Straight by Bill Konigsberg * 3:30p Imagination Playground	27 * 10:30a Preschool Storytime * 11:15a Russian Storytime * 7:00p Reel Destination Film: Lilies of the Field (UR; 94 minutes)	28 * 10:00a Community Garden Harvest * 10:30a Ukulele Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground
29 * 1:00p Cooking Up the Harvest	30 * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 12:30p Int. Bk Grp: Snow White Must Die by Nele Neuhaus * 2:00p Summer Enrichment: Art * 3:30p Lego Club	 A SAN MATEO COUNTY LIBRARY 1110 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont CA 94002 • 650.591.8288 • www.smccl.org		 <div> KEY <div> Red: Children's/Family Green: Teen Black: Adult </div> </div>		